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FOR NEA/ARN DRAPER FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT PINS SY US
SUBJ: SYRIAN JEWRY: GENERAL PROHIBITION ON INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

REF: STATE 191646, DAMASCUS 5132, 5060

1. TOUTAH CALLED ON POLOFF MORNING AUGUST 13 TO REPORT THAT ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 11 AT 1:30 PM THE MINISTRY OF IMMIGRATION PUBLISHED AN ORDER WHICH WAS DISTRIBUTED TO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PROHIBITING THE TRAVEL OF ALL SYRIAN JEWISH CITIZENS. TOUTAH INDICATED THIS WAS RESULT OF RECENT INTERROGATIONS OF SYRIAN JEWISH TRAVELERS WHO HAD VISITED ISRAEL. HE HAS NOT SEEN TEXT OF ORDER, BUT HAS AN APPOINTMENT WITH SECURITY SUNDAY, AUGUST 14 AND WILL REPORT DETAILS AUGUST 15.

2. ONE JEWISH BUSINESSMAN DEPARTED SYRIA AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDER BY TRAVELING ON AN IRANIAN PASSPORT. IRANIAN PASSPORTS DO NOT HAVE ANY INDICATION OF HOLDER'S RELIGION. NO OTHER SYRIAN JEWS HAVE TESTED ORDER.

3. TOUTAH DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER 14TH GIRL, FARHI
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WILL RECEIVE PASSPORT AND EXIT VISA IN LIGHT OF
NEW ORDER.

4. DO NOT BELIEVE LATEST ORDER HAS ANY CONNECTION WITH PUBLICITY GIVEN JEWISH MAIDENS. DO NOT PROPOSE TAKE FURTHER ACTIONS ON A NEW GROUP OF BRIDES UNTIL PRESENT SETBACK IS CLARIFIED AND WE HAVE FULL DETAILS ON THE

PROHIBITION. TOUTAH WAS EMPHATIC, HOWEVER, THAT
PROHIBITION APPLIED TO ALL SYRIAN JEWISH CITIZENS.

5. DELIVERED LETTER FROM CONGRESSMEN TO PRESIDENT ASSAD
MORNING AUGUST 13 BEFORE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM TOUTAH.
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